

Jerry Solomon to this body 3 years ago, I am sad to report his untimely passing.

Jerry Solomon served in this body with distinction for 20 years, since 1978. We are all familiar with the phrase "My country, right or wrong." With Jerry, it was more basic than that; it was "My country is right."

Congressman Solomon has many friends in this House, and I count myself among them. I doubt there is one among us who did not respect him. He was an American's American, a Marine's Marine, a veteran's veteran.

Devoted to his wife, Freda, his five children, and his six grandchildren, Jerry Solomon became a great statesman but always remained a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He was a man who "called 'em as he saw 'em." Over his career, he led the way on veterans' issues, culminating in the establishment of a cabinet post for veterans affairs.

He led the way in fighting to secure an amendment to our Constitution to protect our flag.

He brought a National Cemetery to Saratoga, New York, where he himself will be laid to rest tomorrow.

In the final years in this House, Jerry Solomon served as chairman of the Committee on Rules. That achievement speaks volumes about the man, the leader, and the legislator.

What I learned about Congressman Solomon many among us know: If he cared enough to tell someone something, they had better listen.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Jerry Solomon has left us, but neither he nor his achievements will ever be forgotten.

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SORROW OF THE CONGRESS FOR DEATH AND INJURIES SUFFERED BY FIRST RESPONDERS IN AFTERMATH OF TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 233.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and agree the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 233, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 0, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 411]

YEAS—405

Abercrombie	Baca	Barcia
Ackerman	Bachus	Barr
Aderholt	Baird	Barrett
Akin	Baker	Bartlett
Allen	Baldacci	Barton
Andrews	Baldwin	Bass
Army	Ballenger	Becerra

Bentsen	Gallegly	Lipinski
Bereuter	Gekas	LoBiondo
Berkley	Gephardt	Lofgren
Berman	Gibbons	Lucas (KY)
Berry	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)
Biggert	Gillmor	Luther
Bilirakis	Gilman	Lynch
Bishop	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)
Blagojevich	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Blumenauer	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Blunt	Gordon	Markey
Boehert	Goss	Mascara
Boehner	Graham	Matheson
Bonilla	Graves	Matsui
Boniior	Green (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Bono	Green (WI)	McCarthy (NY)
Borski	Grucci	McCollum
Boswell	Gutierrez	McDermott
Boyd	Gutknecht	McGovern
Brady (PA)	Hall (OH)	McInnis
Brown (FL)	Hall (TX)	McIntyre
Brown (OH)	Hansen	McKeon
Brown (SC)	Harman	McKinney
Bryant	Hart	McNulty
Burr	Hastings (FL)	Meehan
Burton	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Buyer	Hayes	Mica
Callahan	Hayworth	Millender-
Calvert	Hefley	McDonald
Camp	Henger	Miller, Dan
Cannon	Hill	Miller, Gary
Cantor	Hilleary	Miller, George
Capito	Hilliard	Miller, Jeff
Capps	Hinchey	Mink
Capuano	Hinojosa	Mollohan
Cardin	Hobson	Moore
Carson (IN)	Hoeffel	Moran (KS)
Castle	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)
Chabot	Holden	Morella
Chambliss	Holt	Myrick
Clay	Honda	Nadler
Clayton	Hooley	Napolitano
Clement	Horn	Neal
Clyburn	Hostettler	Nethercutt
Coble	Houghton	Ney
Collins	Hoyer	Northup
Combest	Hulshof	Norwood
Condit	Hunter	Nussle
Costello	Hyde	Oberstar
Coyne	Inslee	Obey
Cramer	Isakson	Olver
Crane	Israel	Ortiz
Crenshaw	Issa	Osborne
Crowley	Istook	Ose
Culberson	Jackson (IL)	Otter
Cummings	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Cunningham	(TX)	Oxley
Davis (CA)	Jefferson	Pallone
Davis (FL)	Jenkins	Pascarell
Davis (IL)	John	Pastor
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson (CT)	Paul
Davis, Tom	Johnson (IL)	Payne
Deal	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
DeFazio	Johnson, Sam	Pence
Delahunt	Jones (NC)	Peterson (MN)
DeLauro	Jones (OH)	Peterson (PA)
DeMint	Kanjorski	Petri
Deutsch	Kaptur	Phelps
Diaz-Balart	Kelly	Pickering
Dicks	Kennedy (MN)	Pitts
Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Platts
Doggett	Kerns	Pombo
Doolittle	Kildee	Pomeroy
Doyle	Kilpatrick	Portman
Dreier	Kind (WI)	Price (NC)
Duncan	King (NY)	Pryce (OH)
Edwards	Kingston	Putnam
Ehlers	Kirk	Quinn
Ehrlich	Klecza	Radanovich
Emerson	Knollenberg	Rahall
Engel	Kolbe	Ramstad
English	Kucinich	Rangel
Eshoo	LaFalce	Regula
Etheridge	LaHood	Rehberg
Evans	Lampson	Reyes
Everett	Langevin	Reynolds
Farr	Lantos	Rivers
Fattah	Largent	Rodriguez
Ferguson	Larsen (WA)	Roemer
Filner	Larson (CT)	Rogers (MI)
Flake	Latham	Rohrabacher
Fletcher	LaTourette	Ros-Lehtinen
Foley	Leach	Ross
Forbes	Lee	Rothman
Ford	Levin	Roukema
Fossella	Lewis (CA)	Roybal-Allard
Frank	Lewis (GA)	Royce
Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)	Rush
Frost	Linder	Ryan (WI)

Ryun (KS)	Smith (WA)	Traficant
Sabo	Snyder	Turner
Sanchez	Solis	Udall (CO)
Sanders	Souder	Udall (NM)
Sandlin	Spratt	Upton
Sawyer	Stark	Velazquez
Saxton	Stearns	Vislosky
Schaffer	Stenholm	Vitter
Schakowsky	Strickland	Walden
Schiff	Stump	Walsh
Schrock	Stupak	Wamp
Scott	Sununu	Waters
Sensenbrenner	Sweeney	Watkins (OK)
Serrano	Tancredo	Watson (CA)
Sessions	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Shadegg	Tauscher	Waxman
Shaw	Tauzin	Weiner
Shays	Taylor (MS)	Weldon (FL)
Sherman	Taylor (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Sherwood	Terry	Weller
Shimkus	Thomas	Wexler
Shumaker	Thompson (CA)	Whitfield
Simmons	Thornberry	Wicker
Simpson	Thune	Wilson
Skeen	Thurman	Wolf
Skelton	Tiahrt	Woolsey
Slaughter	Tiberi	Wu
Smith (MI)	Tierney	Wynn
Smith (NJ)	Toomey	Young (AK)
Smith (TX)	Towns	

NOT VOTING—27

Boucher	Dooley	Meeks (NY)
Brady (TX)	Dunn	Menendez
Carson (OK)	Ganske	Murtha
Conyers	Granger	Riley
Cooksey	Greenwood	Rogers (KY)
Cox	Keller	Shows
Cubin	Lowey	Thompson (MS)
DeGette	McCrery	Watts (OK)
DeLay	McHugh	Young (FL)

□ 1854

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. DUNN, Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, I was not present for rollcall votes 408 through 411 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 408, "yea" on rollcall No. 409, "yea" on rollcall No. 410, and "yea" on rollcall No. 411.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE THREAT OF AIDS STILL WREAKS HAVOC DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms.

MILLENDER-McDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, the world we live in is becoming more complex each and every day. The tragic and heinous events of September 11 transformed the way Americans and people in this world respond to news.

In the aftermath of recent events, our country and the world is experiencing a state of high anxiety directly related to threats of bioterrorism, and most recently, anthrax contamination. House offices were closed, and some remain closed, while anthrax contamination is eliminated. Postal offices have been shut down for periods of time, and postal workers have succumbed to anthrax inhalation and died from their exposure to this very deadly chemical agent.

Indeed, a war is being waged on numerous fronts to preserve freedom and the health of our Nation and its world partners. However, Mr. Speaker, there is another deadly vital threat that has been wreaking havoc domestically and internationally. That threat is the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

□ 1900

While our Nation and its global neighbors have undertaken a campaign to stave off the threats of terrorism poised by ideological fanatics, millions have died and millions are suffering from HIV/AIDS. Their plight is there. Yet global concerns revolve around potential terrorism. Perhaps that is because the specter of 6,000 lives lost to terrorist acts still looms large. However, the reality is that HIV/AIDS has claimed the lives of over 25 million people including an estimated 4 million children, most of whom live in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The global AIDS crisis in Africa is without question the most vexing humanitarian crisis in recent history. The statistics are shocking and alarming. Eight thousand people died from AIDS every day last year and six people died every minute. Fifty-eight million people have been infected since the virus was first recognized 20 years ago. Recent projections are that the total will exceed 100 million by 2007. These numbers are mind-boggling. As a mother and grandmother, I am struck by the fact that AIDS has orphaned over 10 million children in Africa. By 2010 there would be more than 40 million AIDS orphans. Therefore, proactive measures must be initiated.

I and many of my colleagues in a bipartisan way responded to the challenge put before us. On September 5, I introduced the Peace Corps HIV/AIDS Training Enhancement Act of 2001. This legislation provides an additional \$5 million to the Peace Corps to pay for health volunteers working with HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention efforts, particularly the training of HIV/AIDS trainers. Currently, there are 7,300 Peace Corps volunteers who work in 76 countries worldwide including 25 coun-

tries in Africa; 1,431 of these Peace Corps members are health volunteers who serve in Africa.

The volunteers work in rural and urban settings in a variety of health activities, including teaching HIV/AIDS education and prevention methodologies to local people. The Peace Corps would like to increase its capacity in HIV/AIDS education and prevention activities, especially in the area of training HIV/AIDS trainers; but it cannot do so without this additional appropriation.

I believe that Peace Corps volunteers work and perform God's work. They are the vanguards of humanitarian efforts in the struggle to eradicate HIV/AIDS. The volunteers' efforts target training literate peer educators and community health workers who will be training others in the community. Their work is commendable and critical. Much of their work is targeted in Sub-Saharan Africa where 25 percent of the population may be infected. They have to garner the trust of the people in the community and then work to establish the building blocks necessary to transform the attitudes and behavior of at-risk populations, especially children and women.

Their messages are directed at people living with HIV as well as those who are not currently infected. Children are the focus because they are impressionable and vulnerable. Young African American girls must be educated because they are more likely to contract HIV and AIDS than young boys of the same age, and that goes for African kids too.

Peace Corps volunteers are the front line because reality is that new drugs are expensive and not usually available throughout Africa. Additionally, the infrastructure does not exist for monitoring the immune system of victims overcome by the disease who are undertreated. That is why we must use the human factor, Peace Corps volunteers, to stem the pandemic of HIV/AIDS.

The Peace Corps HIV/AIDS Training Enhancement Act of 2001 can be a useful tool in transforming the plight of many throughout the world. We are all members of a global village that is interdependent. Consequently, global threats in different forms such as terrorism, bioterrorism and the global pandemic of HIV/AIDS must be fought on many fronts simultaneously. We must be vigilant on all fronts.

CARING FOR THE ORPHANS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PLATTS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on September 11 Americans witnessed carnage and harrowing images that will be imprinted forever in our memory. These acts of terror helped Americans grow stronger. But as we pull to-

gether to rebuild our Nation and work toward a heightened sense of security to restore our lives, we must not forget the thousands of children who lost a parent or a guardian in the September 11 attacks. All the money and all the services in the world could never replace the loss of their loved ones, but although money cannot heal their scars, the passage of House Con. Resolution 228 can help begin to bandage their deep wounds.

I am a proud original co-sponsor of H. Con. Res. 228, a resolution which calls for the immediate benefits for children who lost one or both parents or guardians in the multiple tragedies. This legislation, which is being spearheaded by my friend, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE), will ensure the children of September 11 attacks will receive foster care, medical assistance and psychological services, all of which they so desperately need.

As co-chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) and I recently held a briefing to discuss the need to prioritize Federal services and benefits for these children. Ron Houle of the American Red Cross, Dr. Bernard Arons from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Cindy Friedmutter of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute in New York were among the many speakers who informed us on their ability to deliver services to these children.

But most touching of all was the testimony of Merino Calderon and two of his children, Naomi, 4 years old and Nephtali, who is 20 months old. Their children were with us that day. And Merino, a school bus driver lost his beloved wife. His two children lost obviously their mother at the World Trade Center. Merino shared with us the difficulty of having to answer to his children every day the questions that they pose to him: "When is mommy coming back? When is she taking us to the park again?"

He is emotionally exhausted and his financial situation is increasingly difficult. But, Mr. Speaker, Merino Calderon is one of the fortunate ones because his daughter is receiving counseling, as he is as well. But his loving church and his loving church family have many other church-goers who have not had the ability to get this assistance. Many surviving family members and particularly children of the September 11 attack have yet to receive the benefits they need.

Children who lost a parent or a guardian in this national tragedy need psychological and other services right now. So I ask my colleagues to co-sponsor and work towards passage of H. Con. Res. 228 because, although we will remember September 11, it is for the children for whom we will pass this bill because we will not forget them and we will not forget the sacrifices that their parents have made for our country.